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# GERMANS TOPEDO TWO STEAMSHIPS

One of Them Belonged to Neutral Country, Norway, the Other a French Steamer

BOTH BADLY DAMAGED, BUT ABLE TO MAKE PORT

Dispatch Says No Warning Was Given the French Vessel—

In Belgium and France Both Sides Claim Taking of Positions and Capture of Prisoners—Germans Assert They Are Still Pursuing the Russians in Northern Poland—

In the Carpathians the Muscovites and Austrians are Striving for Supremacy—Near the Rumanian Frontier a Big Battle is Said to Have Opened With the Troops

Knee Deep in Snow—Norwegian Steamer Sunk by Mine in Baltic Sea and Entire Crew Lost.

Germany signalled the second day of the operation of her sea war zone by torpedoing two steamships, one of them belonging to a neutral country—Norway. This vessel, the tank steamer *Belldra*, was torpedoed by a submarine near Folkestown, England, while the French steamer *Dinorah* was badly damaged by a similar vessel off *Dezpe* France. Both vessels managed to make port.

A dispatch adds that no warning of an attack was given the *Belldra*. There has been no mention of casualties on either vessel. Fighting on land continues in nearly all the various districts. In the west there were attacks and counter-attacks at various places with claims of successes in positions and prisoners captured by both sides.

In the east the Germans claim they are still pursuing the Russians in northern Poland while to the south of the Vistula, only the Austrians are having place in the Carpathians, the Russians and Austrians still are striving for supremacy. Near the Rumanian frontier on the River Pruth, a big battle is said to have opened with the troops knee-deep in snow.

Greece, according to a Berlin despatch, has agreed to the movement of Russian ammunition by way of Saloniki. Another German airship is said to be in distress this time off the coast of Norway.

The Norwegian steamer *Nordkyn* has been sunk in the Baltic sea by striking a mine. Her crew was lost.

ACTIVITY ON RUSSIAN POLAND BATTLE FRONT.

Vienna Reports Russian Attacks Have Been Repulsed.

Vienna, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 20, 1915. The following official communication was received from the Russian government: "On the Russian Poland front yesterday there was more activity, the Austrians increasing their artillery and infantry fire, with a view to commencing movements behind their fighting lines. In several sections actions developed and advanced Russian parties were repulsed.

In western Galicia our troops took some advanced positions. On the Carpathian front, the Tyrol-Karlsberg line, a fortified village and captured 300 men.

In the Carpathians, the fighting continues. North of Nadworna and Kolomea, the Austrians are attacking, inflicting great losses. The enemy's fighting is increasing in violence.

In the southern theatre the Russians lately repeatedly have bombarded our towns with a half million shells. On Feb. 10 a hundred shells from heavy guns were fired on Semla. Several buildings were damaged and a civilian was wounded. On the 17th Mitrovec was shelled, whereupon the commander of our forces ordered a short bombardment of Belgrade with heavy guns. Representatives were sent to inform the Serbian commander that every bombardment by the Serbians hereafter will be answered by an Austrian reply.

Baron Stephen Burián, the Austrian foreign minister, started the night for the Austrian staff headquarters, where he will meet Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, tomorrow.

AGENTS OF STEAMSHIP LINES ARE NOT ALARMED

See Nothing Alarming in German War Zone Warnings.

New York, Feb. 19.—Agents of the big steamship lines sailing from this port see nothing in the proclamation of the German war zone to cause any change in plans. The agents of either passengers or freight, they indicated today. The outgoing liners tomorrow will take on more passengers and freight than have left port on a single day in months, it was said.

The *Allegre Amsterdam*, largest of the Holland-American line's fleet, will sail for Rotterdam at noon.

She will carry 130 night cabin, 125 second cabin and 75 steerage passengers. Following her out of port will be the *Yonk* with a half million dollar cargo consigned to the Dutch government—grain, general merchandise and foodstuffs.

Both vessels have their names painted in four-foot letters along their sides, as well as the name of Rotterdam, their hulling port. At night, electric lights will be strung over the sides so that a passing war craft can identify them.

Struck by German Submarine.

London, Feb. 19, 11.30 p. m.—An official statement today from the Admiralty says the Norwegian tank steamer *Belldra* was struck by a torpedo fired by a German submarine near Folkestown. Pieces of the

## Cabled Par

Admiral B. read.  
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20, 3.46 a. m.—Admiral B. read.  
former Russian minister of marine, died here today. He was born March 15, 1844.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk in Baltic Sea  
London, Feb. 19, 2.15 a. m.—The Norwegian steamer *Nordkyn* has been sunk through striking a mine near Bornholm Island, in the Baltic sea, according to a despatch from Copenhagen to the Central News. All of the crew were drowned.

CONGRESS PROCEEDS WITH APPROPRIATION MEASURES  
House Passed Pension Bill, Carrying \$164,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Confronted with the necessity of appropriating \$80,000,000 a day for the next eleven legislative days, congress settled down today to hurried passage of the measures which will supply the billion dollars needed to run the government during the next fiscal year.

House Passed Pension Bill.  
In the senate the entire day was devoted to the \$220,000,000 legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill. The house passed the pension bill, carrying \$164,000,000 and took up the diplomatic and consular measure, appropriating \$4,200,000.

Beyond the passing of the house conference, the ship purchase bill remained in the senate. The bill, which was introduced by the senator from New York, Mr. Tamm, was passed by the senate after a sharp debate. Senator Fullam sought to establish the basis on which the estimate of expenses had been made. Senator Murkin, chairman of the appropriations committee, said that a conference of the senate and the house was called by the president had agreed to ask for \$250,000 to defray the expenses of the war zone. He had been told that the house would not pass the bill unless it included foreign departments and 200 or 300 members of congress. The conference upon being advised of the house criticism of the bill, however, had reduced the appropriation to \$80,000, leaving it to the president to open for opening of canal.

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Machine Touched Waves Along the Coast After Dropping Bombs on Ostend.

Paris, Feb. 19, 4.15 p. m.—A daring flight made the night of February 8 by the aviator X—who threw down projectiles in the vicinity of Ostend, is recounted in a note given out by the war office at London.

The aviator left his station at 2.40 p. m. in a violent west wind. His first objective was the coast near Ostend, where he dropped a number of bombs and supply wagons near Middelkerke.

The aviator then flew to Ostend and let fall three bombs on the Casino buildings. The violence of these detonations caused considerable damage among the waves along the coast line.

Searchlights found the French aviator soon after this and German machine guns were fired at him but without success. During his return flight the Frenchman's machine touched the waves along the coast line.

Guided by the lights of the aerodrome at Furnes, the aviator finally landed at 10.10 p. m., having been gone 40 minutes. The distance from Furnes to Ostend is 14 miles.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR BELGIUM RELIEF SHIPS

Bearing the Flag of the Commission Promised by England, France and Germany.

New York, Feb. 19.—Safe conduct for all relief ships bearing the flag of the commission for relief in Belgium has been promised by England, France and Germany, according to an announcement made today by Linden W. Bates, vice chairman of the commission.

The commission has six ships which were today either in or approaching the coast of Belgium. The ships are the *Yonk*, the *Belldra*, the *Yonk*, the *Belldra*, the *Yonk*, the *Belldra*.

French Chamber Debates Liquor Saloons.

Paris, Feb. 19, 5.35 p. m.—Debate on the bill limiting the number of liquor saloons in France, started in the French chamber of deputies. A measure was passed today limiting the number of saloons to approximately 2,000 in each department for taxes paid by liquor dealers on saloons in their possession and the purchase of their stocks of alcohol.

Movements of Steamships.

Bergen, Feb. 19.—Arrived: Steamer *Bergensfjord*, New York.

Naples, Feb. 19.—Sailed: Steamer *Carpathia*, New York.

New York, Feb. 19.—Steamer *Paul*, Liverpool for New York, signaled 1.40 m. east of Sandy Hook at 1.15 m. 19th. Dock 5.30 a. m. Tuesday.

New York, Feb. 19.—Steamer *Lusitania*, Liverpool for New York, signaled. Dock 8.30 a. m. Saturday.

Mellen Still Under Examination.

New York, Feb. 19.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York and Hartford Railroad Co., was further examined today by Assistant United States Attorney General Frank M. Boycker before the federal grand jury which is conducting an investigation into the affairs of the New Haven railroad. The secret inquiry, it is stated, will be continued next week with Mr. Mellen still under examination.

United Fruit Steamer in Distress.

New York, Feb. 19.—Word was received today that the coast guard cutter *Inca* had left Norfolk to go to the assistance of the United Fruit steamer *Santa Marta*, which reported by wireless early today from the vicinity of Cape Hatteras that she had become unmanageable owing to the loosening of her rudder post.

Shin Passed Within 300 Feet of Mine.

New York, Feb. 19.—Captain Nelson of the steamer *Shin*, which arrived tonight from Rotterdam after delivering a cargo of cotton taken on at Wilmington, N. C., reported that on February 13 his ship passed within 300 feet of a mine in the English channel. Very rough weather was experienced on the return voyage.

## Plot to Invade Mexican Territory

LOS ANGELES MILLIONAIRE INDICTED YESTERDAY.

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It is wholesome advice, and the paper which reaches the largest number in the home field is *The Bulletin*. Its advertising columns helps every merchant to meet competition, and keep trade in Norwich, and they can do more.

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## Condensed Telegrams

Berlin safe owners will advance the price of beer.

The Bank of England bought 449,000 pounds sterling bar gold.

Baron Wimborne was sworn in as lord lieutenant of Ireland.

The Bank of England minimum rate of discount is unchanged at 5 per cent.

The house passed a bill authorizing American registry for vessels sailing in American waters.

Toponah ore shipments for the week ending Feb. 12 amounted to 16,587 tons, valued at \$215,854.

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## FOOD FOR GERMANS IS CONTRABAND

British Government Gives That as Reason for Seizure of Cargo of the *Wilhelmina*

DISPUTES RIGHT OF NEUTRALS TO CHALLENGE

Bases Action on Alleged Disregard for International Law

Shown by Germans in Bombarding Unfortified Towns, and the Fact That a Number of Vessels Sailing for English Ports, With Cargoes of Goods on the German List of Conditional Contraband, Have Been Seized by German Cruisers and Brought Before a German Prize Court—

Declares Owners of the *Wilhelmina* Will Have Opportunity to Establish Their Case Before the Prize Court.

London, Feb. 19, 7.15 p. m.—The British government announced today that it had decided that the cargo of the American steamer *Wilhelmina* should be held for the decision of the prize court.

The announcement was made by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary. It seems to make clear the purpose of Great Britain to declare all foodstuffs for Germany contraband, as well as to forewarn other neutrals.